

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 09/691,968 Confirmation No. : 6538  
Applicant : Pinera, *et al.*  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 22, 2006 (hereinafter Office Action),  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on  
page 2 of this submission.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this submission.